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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during March were valued at £2,685,507, which is £600,436 more than the corresponding month of last year. For the first three months there was an increase of £231,082, as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during the month amounted to £1,662,301, as compared with £1,077,488 in March, 1905. There was a falling-off in spirits, tobacco, and gold, while increases were shown in apparel and soft goods, and metal manufactures.

The oversea exports for March amounted to £2,228,837, and for the first three months to £7,968,691, which show increases of £666,431 and £2,382,344 respectively, compared with the corresponding periods of last year. There were increases in the value of all the principal articles, especially butter, wool, and gold. Wheat, however, shows a falling-off.

Crop Returns.—The returns just issued show that there were 2,838,611 acres under crop during 1905, of which 1,938,431 were devoted to wheat and 438,036 to hay. The yields of principal crops were:—Wheat, 20,930,282 bushels, or 10·8 per acre; maize, 5,723,000 bushels, or 30 per acre; hay, 458,735 tons, or 1 per acre; and oats, 883,081 bushels, or 22·9 per acre. The return from wheat was, with the exception of 1903, the best on record. In practically all cases the returns were better than in 1904.

Stock Returns.—There was an increase in all classes of stock during the year, except pigs, which show a slight falling-off. Sheep increased by nearly 5,000,000, or nearly 15 per cent. Cattle increased 10 per cent. The number of sheep is now very nearly at the same figure as in 1900.

Mineral Production.—The value of the minerals—silver, copper, tin, and coal—exported from New South Wales during the first quarter of 1906 was £1,202,247, an increase of £200,670, as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1905. All the minerals show increases, the largest being in coal and copper. The gold produced during the three months was 77,336 fine oz., as compared with 69,906 oz. in the first quarter of 1905.

Prices.—The general index number for March was slightly higher than in February, and was the highest for five years, being over 25 per cent. higher than in 1901. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,335; for metals, 1,353; and for all articles, 1,256. During the month butter fell, wool and sheepskins advanced; while, of the metals, lead and copper advanced, and silver and tin receded slightly. The other articles remained practically stationary.

Meteorology.—During March there was experienced one of the most opportune rainstorms on record, which lasted until the middle of the month, and from which practically the whole State benefited. During the latter half of the month the rain was confined to the coast and highlands.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1895	672,520	589,750	1,262,270	23,020	1.86	1,250,760
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1.32	1,270,620
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1.78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1.64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1.58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1.53	1,354,335
1901	723,035	656,496	1,379,531	14,941	1.09	1,372,060
1902	740,775	666,846	1,407,621	28,090	2.04	1,393,622
1903	754,632	676,997	1,431,629	24,008	1.70	1,422,803
1904	773,234	688,299	1,461,533	29,904	2.09	1,446,440
1905	794,400	701,650	1,496,050	34,517	2.36	1,478,600

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1895	8,030	19,877	18,897	8,671	6,243	23,860	19.07
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16.27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17.81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14.90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15.42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16.26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15.93
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15.20
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13.68
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16.11
1905	10,941	20,261	19,311	8,715	6,265	24,592	16.63
Oct. to Dec., 1905	2,706	4,978	4,710	2,149	1,556	5,983	.....
Oct. to Dec., 1904	2,576	5,030	4,952	2,047	1,627	6,308	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year]	Arrivals.						Departures.					
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.		
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females
1895	49,213	26,838	36,770	21,305	134,126	48,331	23,797	39,423	23,415	134,966
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,600	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	33,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	56,341	31,132	163,612	44,332	25,168	68,025	33,000	170,525
1902	54,942	26,249	52,128	27,381	160,700	42,085	25,407	57,032	29,275	153,799
1903	46,121	24,449	54,320	27,464	152,354	39,529	24,097	56,004	28,185	147,815
1904	48,700	24,278	54,994	28,287	156,259	39,492	24,128	56,724	29,318	149,662
1905	47,877	26,280	62,987	35,142	172,286	38,904	24,770	62,340	36,347	162,361
Oct. to Dec., 1905	...	12,421	7,323	16,604	10,240	46,588	9,426	6,085	17,658	11,032	44,201	
Oct. to Dec., 1904	...	13,074	6,021	14,195	7,275	40,565	9,906	6,386	15,493	8,279	40,064	

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.			United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.	
	By Land.	By Sea.						
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,473	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,612
1902	79,509	46,899	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,700
1903	81,784	42,529	4,249	2,868	10,924	152,354
1904	83,281	42,910	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,259
1905	98,129	44,302	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,286
Oct. to Dec., 1905	...	26,844	12,226	1,991	2,930	2,597	46,588	
Oct. to Dec., 1904	...	21,470	10,663	1,949	2,918	3,565	40,565	

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.			United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.	
	By Land.	By Sea.						
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,025	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,604	170,525
1902	86,307	36,540	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,799
1903	84,189	34,909	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,815
1904	86,042	35,920	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,662
1905	98,687	36,762	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,361
Oct. to Dec., 1905	...	28,690	9,234	605	3,734	1,938	44,201	
Oct. to Dec., 1904	...	23,772	9,652	777	4,269	1,594	40,064	

No. 6.—Principal Articles Imported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.			1904.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
Ale and Beer ...	34,961	116,911	151,872	35,729	134,312	170,041
Animals, living ...	1,423,942	35,299	1,459,241	1,775,340	32,612	1,807,952
Apparel and Attire ...	327,048	775,524	1,102,572	294,614	742,373	1,036,987
Piece Goods ...	244,312	2,432,180	2,676,492	205,866	2,278,201	2,484,667
Boots and Shoes ...	186,882	124,897	311,779	187,993	142,649	330,642
Cordage and Twines ...	33,156	157,411	190,567	33,893	170,273	204,166
Drugs and Chemicals ...	21,220	157,228	178,448	18,081	116,588	134,669
Fish—all kinds ...	21,743	84,204	105,947	26,738	92,929	119,667
Fruits and Vegetables ...	385,114	68,084	453,198	389,881	62,112	451,993
Furniture ...	32,040	81,809	113,849	25,318	80,816	106,134
Glass and Glassware ...	22,567	94,720	117,287	24,585	108,724	133,309
Gold—Coined and uncoined ...	3,550,994	939,715	4,490,709	3,947,861	518,142	4,466,003
Hats and Caps ...	53,963	183,809	237,772	52,808	173,894	226,702
Implements, &c., Agricultural ...	174,732	89,293	264,025	164,633	148,375	313,008
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. Galvanized Sheet ...	15,036	221,970	237,006	20,495	183,575	204,070
Leather ...	95,153	109,552	204,705	76,329	117,980	194,309
Machines and Machinery ...	169,150	763,919	933,075	139,556	678,955	818,511
Metal Manufactures—Free Dutiable ...	60,347	521,993	582,340	39,690	327,280	366,970
Oil—Kerosene ...	109,560	401,124	510,684	93,764	364,480	458,244
Spirits—all kinds ...	11,441	128,776	140,217	11,292	120,224	131,516
Sugar ...	68,486	327,948	396,434	70,169	263,774	333,943
Tea ...	622,446	111,110	733,556	612,157	83,619	695,776
Timber ...	38,438	335,432	373,870	36,760	351,315	388,275
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	165,624	336,698	502,322	143,992	421,623	565,615
Wool ...	124,184	203,415	327,599	132,853	212,831	345,684
All other Articles ...	1,129,709	2,438	1,132,147	919,603	2,885	922,488
Total ...	5,711,069	5,427,752	11,138,821	4,646,852	4,969,049	9,615,901
	£ 14,864,911	14,485,123	29,350,034	£ 14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958

No. 7.—Principal Articles Exported, 1905 and 1904.

Article.	1905.				1904.	
	Quantities.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
Animals, living ...	.....	.....	2,101,458	144,989	679,114	90,628
Butter ... lb.	2,287,883	17,153,024	93,947	723,873	59,788	811,820
Coal ... tons	1,510,989	1,940,229	772,851	792,751	752,686	724,779
Copper, Ingots, & Matte ... ewt.	797	380,470	2,851	1,277,748	2,003	868,041
Gold Coin and Bullion ...	.....	.....	474,896	2,578,435	302,878	4,929,575
Grain—Wheat ... cental.	694,807	2,710,545	194,256	761,437	208,184	1,415,489
Flour ... "	316,868	701,075	131,129	258,767	143,109	184,575
Lead—Pig, and Matte ...	.....	.....	462,162	610,696	16,271	649,804
Leather ...	.....	.....	104,798	339,813	106,148	233,813
Meats—Mutton and lamb lb.	3,211,666	48,707,817	39,734	576,233	8,525	275,227
Rabbits and Hares prs.	.....	3,150,300	1,500	143,768	1,721	54,286
Oil—Cocoanut ... gall	35,171	932,830	4,012	112,401	4,712	140,600
Ores—N.e.i. ...	.....	.....	9,200	303,012	17,127	256,510
Silver Bullion, &c. ... oz.	2,416,627	820,481	191,761	96,517	251	176,348
Silver-lead Bullion ...	.....	589,367	.....	572,283	22,966	580,839
*Silver-lead Ore ... cwt.	260,070	371,149	42,769	152,869	1,490,548	138,605
Skins—Hides ... No.	76,711	148,474	86,208	162,295	78,401	80,173
Sheep ... "	379,571	3,199,651	79,190	350,389	43,327	160,466
Rabbit and Hare lb.	347,768	4,246,193	9,004	160,180	9,142	97,381
Other ...	.....	.....	2,942	264,214	8,758	161,616
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. ewt.	7,060,805	247,062	1,306,997	43,946	32,742	46,344
Tallow ... "	13,312	396,563	11,927	452,403	11,415	268,108
Timber ...	.....	.....	29,387	323,878	23,722	185,698
Tin Ingots ... cwt.	171	66,344	1,238	464,811	903	408,666
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	56,083,372	230,217,131	2,304,925	1,141,335	1,593,627	8,657,131
All other Articles ...	.....	.....	3,803,694	1,684,487	4,299,982	1,493,263
Total ...	£ .....	.....	12,262,836	24,493,530	9,918,050	23,089,785

No. 8.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
1895 ...	£ 6,758,140	£ 9,234,275	£ 15,992,415	£ 7,104,812	£ 14,829,973	£ 21,934,785
1896 ...	8,855,161	11,706,349	20,561,510	7,945,243	15,065,106	23,010,349
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,077	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	23,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,861,213	26,738,111
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,089,785	33,007,835
1905 ...	14,864,911	14,485,123	29,350,034	12,262,836	24,493,530	36,756,366

No. 9.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (-).
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
January ...	£ 742,149	£ 1,093,356	£ 1,835,505	£ 941,863	£ 1,282,597	£ 2,224,460	(-) 388,955
February ...	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	1,240,649	1,104,981	2,345,630	(+) 19,601
March ...	888,632	1,796,875	2,685,507	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071	(+) 600,436
Total (3 mos.) £	2,560,419	4,325,824	6,886,243	3,042,988	3,612,173	6,655,161	(+) 231,082

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1906.			1905.			Increase (+). Decrease (-).
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
January ...	£ 2,568,357	£ 764,664	£ 3,333,021	£ 1,751,692	£ 697,048	£ 2,448,740	(+) 884,281
February ...	3,171,497	804,766	3,976,263	2,272,249	749,952	3,022,201	(+) 954,062
March ...	2,228,837	*	.....	1,562,406	693,541	2,255,947	(+) 666,431†
Total (3 mos.) £	7,968,691	.....	.....	5,586,347	2,140,541	7,726,888	(+) 2,382,344†

* The figures for March are not yet available.

† Oversea only.

No. 11.—Principal Articles Imported during March, and during 3 months—
January to March.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
March.						
Ale and Beer	1,332	10,849	12,181	1,869	10,191	12,060
Animals	55,619	3,343	58,962	40,693	2,847	43,540
Apparel and Soft Goods	27,108	560,682	587,790	32,968	383,451	416,419
Boots and Shoes	15,662	22,770	38,432	13,453	13,408	26,861
Cordage and Twines	1,431	23,660	25,091	1,530	16,770	18,300
Drugs and Chemicals	3,227	21,810	25,037	1,180	14,128	15,308
Fish—all kinds	286	16,718	17,004	312	6,388	6,700
Fruits—Dried	1,193	3,090	4,283	1,596	2,499	4,095
Fresh	15,182	9,780	24,962	27,228	1,656	28,884
Furniture	2,706	7,230	9,936	2,177	7,345	9,522
Glass and Glassware	737	13,557	14,294	694	9,784	10,478
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	218,964	123,885	342,849	246,792	57,658	304,450
Grain—Rice	4,395	15,458	15,458	1,459	13,923	15,382
Hats and Caps ... ... ...	.....	19,665	24,060	3,950	9,109	13,059
Implements—Agricultural	9,811	17,096	26,907	14,925	20,938	35,863
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, Pig, &c. Galvanized Sheet	100 6	28,293 38,110	28,393 38,116	73	12,065 19,234	12,138 19,234
Leather	6,593	17,340	23,933	4,010	8,134	12,144
Machines and Machinery	7,250	102,636	109,886	4,032	49,626	53,658
Metal Manufactures—Free Dutiable	250 5,736	64,802 45,938	65,052 51,674	494 5,370	44,228 45,225	44,722 50,595
Oil—Kerosene ... ... ...	.....	306	306	.....	2,843	2,843
Spirits	1,529	28,645	30,174	2,032	31,284	33,316
Sugar	33,926	11,260	45,186	28,734	454	29,188
Tea ... ... ...	.....	40,990	40,990	.....	20,895	20,895
Timber	6,628	43,371	49,999	7,166	41,928	49,994
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	15,741	22,125	37,866	6,580	17,510	24,090
Wine	1,817	3,365	5,182	2,014	3,624	5,638
Wool	16,348	316	16,664	46,502	223	46,725
Other Articles	435,055	479,785	914,840	362,643	357,227	719,870
Total £	888,632	1,706,875	2,685,507	860,476	1,224,595	2,085,071

January to March.

Ale and Beer	3,784	34,051	37,835	6,822	38,460	45,282
Animals	90,086	9,339	99,425	130,790	4,568	135,358
Apparel and Soft Goods	77,320	1,171,354	1,248,674	83,625	1,044,941	1,128,566
Boots and Shoes	35,299	36,911	72,210	32,606	29,621	62,227
Cordage and Twines	4,228	61,293	65,521	5,345	48,591	53,936
Drugs and Chemicals	9,385	64,757	74,132	2,349	36,871	39,220
Fish—all kinds	895	55,409	56,304	1,370	38,149	39,519
Fruits—Dried	2,335	7,029	9,364	4,441	5,950	10,391
Fresh	39,909	19,806	59,715	76,589	5,263	81,852
Furniture	5,205	14,522	19,727	4,804	16,772	21,576
Glass and Glassware	2,528	28,969	31,497	2,309	24,185	26,494
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	542,380	368,391	910,771	1,188,553	225,649	1,414,202
Grain—Rice ... ... ..	.....	26,483	26,483	1,459	25,136	26,595
Hats and Caps	10,724	45,896	56,620	8,281	31,042	39,323
Implements—Agricultural	22,733	29,447	52,180	25,626	39,896	65,522
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	348	82,697	83,045	168	46,071	46,239
Galvanized Sheet	6	96,009	96,015	.....	65,207	65,207
Leather	18,825	38,328	57,153	15,915	24,473	40,388
Machines and Machinery	15,800	214,949	230,749	14,696	166,832	181,528
Metal Manufactures—Free Dutiable	2,021 15,255	183,655 118,057	185,676 133,312	2,382 13,304	132,277 117,652	134,659 130,956
Oil—Kerosene ... ... ...	.....	29,686	29,686	.....	56,078	56,078
Spirits	5,727	84,128	89,855	5,104	99,133	104,237
Sugar	173,906	13,090	186,996	78,607	22,646	101,253
Tea ... ... ...	.....	98,467	98,467	.....	85,326	85,326
Timber	23,821	123,376	147,197	20,480	119,224	139,704
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	41,092	72,198	113,290	21,655	39,420	61,075
Wine	7,743	10,207	17,950	6,580	7,554	14,134
Wool	250,113	603	250,716	207,141	1,678	208,819
Other Articles	1,158,951	1,186,717	2,345,668	1,080,977	1,013,508	2,094,485
Total £	2,560,419	4,325,824	6,886,233	3,041,978	3,612,173	6,654,151

No. 12.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during March, and during three months—January to March.

Article.	1906.				1905.			
	Australian Produce.	Quantity.	Total.	Value.	Australian Produce.	Quantity.	Total.	Value.
March.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	238	238	£ 6,265	£ 6,265	85	85	£ 2,701	£ 2,701
Butter lb.	1,582,112	1,582,112	62,172	62,172	2,226,728	2,226,728	88,142	88,142
Coal ton	119,688	119,688	47,149	47,149	137,784	137,784	58,264	58,264
Copper cwt.	23,453	23,453	88,368	88,368	35,764	35,764	115,539	115,539
Fruits—Fresh ctnl.	1,280	1,708	873	1,303	2,460	3,056	1,283	1,901
Gold—Coined, Uncoin'd	.....	.....	483,856	483,856	.....	.....	279,404	279,404
Grain—Wheat... ... bshl.	866,341	866,341	137,212	137,212	783,767	783,767	130,658	130,658
Flour ton	6,174	6,174	46,108	46,108	1,420	1,446	11,760	12,013
Lead cwt.	72,673	72,673	52,713	52,713	74,120	74,120	40,327	40,327
Leather ... ... ..	.....	.....	21,456	21,674	.....	.....	10,796	11,233
Meats—Beef lb.	508,967	508,967	5,442	5,442	24,997	24,997	212	212
Mutton & Lamb ..,	3,127,069	3,127,069	32,283	32,283	837,982	837,982	8,229	8,229
Rabbits & Hares pair	191,733	191,733	8,125	8,125	62,710	62,710	1,829	1,829
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	239,500	240,082	5,130	5,146	133,365	134,719	2,812	2,850
Oil—Cocoanut ton	775	775	18,003	18,603	31	31	784	784
Ores ... ... ..	.....	.....	71,927	71,927	.....	.....	32,317	32,317
Silver Bullion oz.	126,216	126,216	154,463	154,463	85,358	85,358	9,560	9,560
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	74,884	74,884	67,106	67,106	51,061	51,061	45,955	45,955
Kins—Hides No.	9,314	9,314	9,509	9,509	7,434	7,434	5,907	5,907
Sheep	280,439	280,439	36,303	36,303	223,716	223,716	39,034	39,034
Rabbit & Hare... ... lb.	512,276	512,276	16,474	16,474	64,332	64,332	1,540	1,540
Other ... ... ..	.....	.....	21,534	21,534	.....	.....	7,374	7,374
allow cwt.	33,736	33,736	40,580	40,580	23,394	23,394	25,733	25,733
imber ... ... ..	.....	.....	30,818	31,965	.....	.....	18,627	19,597
in cwt.	5,058	5,058	39,653	39,653	3,981	3,981	25,877	25,877
Vine gal.	2,704	3,117	799	1,335	1,307	1,679	433	851
Wool lb.	12,560,035	12,560,035	723,255	723,255	10,978,777	10,978,777	491,893	491,893
ther Articles ... ... ..	.....	.....	64,669	137,314	.....	.....	40,279	102,679
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	2,153,845	2,228,837	.....	.....	1,497,269	1,562,406
January to March.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	622	623	17,232	17,732	406	406	9,141	9,141
Butter lb.	7,459,350	7,459,350	314,336	314,336	6,655,376	6,655,376	258,894	258,897
Coal ton	383,066	383,066	159,489	159,489	354,570	354,570	152,560	152,560
Copper cwt.	73,346	73,346	265,252	265,252	76,306	76,306	249,105	249,105
Fruits—Fresh ctnl.	6,374	7,073	3,877	4,578	7,387	8,610	4,768	6,064
Gold—Coined, Uncoin'd	.....	.....	1,066,531	1,186,987	.....	.....	687,369	687,369
Grain—Wheat... ... bshl.	2,802,284	2,802,284	453,902	453,902	3,146,715	3,146,715	530,218	530,218
Flour ton	11,429	11,431	86,667	86,685	5,875	5,907	49,922	50,243
Lead cwt.	221,623	221,623	165,888	165,888	239,410	239,410	134,507	134,507
Leather ... ... ..	.....	.....	60,217	61,633	.....	.....	40,302	41,342
Meats—Beef lb.	2,174,288	2,174,288	23,200	23,200	283,618	283,618	2,913	2,913
Mutton & Lamb ..,	14,608,101	14,608,101	150,151	150,151	5,895,340	5,895,340	65,750	65,750
Rabbits & Hares pair	565,890	565,890	23,327	23,327	181,584	181,584	5,134	5,134
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	1,100,873	1,102,955	23,399	23,434	1,035,433	1,038,253	22,360	22,435
Oil—Cocoanut... ... ton	1,665	1,665	39,706	39,706	1,748	1,748	42,230	42,230
Ores ... ... ..	.....	.....	184,975	184,980	.....	.....	101,171	101,171
Silver Bullion oz.	301,605	369,927	36,982	45,985	205,468	213,603	23,510	24,460
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	184,678	184,678	188,097	188,097	162,797	162,797	138,257	138,257
Kins—Hides No.	27,050	27,054	28,619	28,619	31,786	31,786	29,816	29,816
Sheep	1,128,608	1,128,608	128,644	128,644	647,200	647,200	82,177	82,177
Rabbit & Hare... ... lb.	1,188,649	1,188,649	36,178	36,178	163,503	163,503	3,831	3,831
Other ... ... ..	.....	.....	69,396	69,396	.....	.....	32,572	32,572
allow cwt.	102,409	102,409	124,737	124,737	68,569	68,569	75,601	75,601
ember ... ... ..	.....	.....	74,059	78,003	.....	.....	66,926	69,557
in cwt.	23,300	23,300	189,152	189,152	11,465	11,465	73,976	73,976
Vine gal.	14,523	15,441	3,177	4,346	5,557	6,548	1,513	2,792
ool lb.	65,909,570	65,909,570	3,558,952	3,558,952	52,074,470	52,074,470	2,368,742	2,368,742
ther Articles ... ... ..	.....	.....	178,804	355,302	.....	.....	153,865	325,487
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	7,654,946	7,968,691	.....	.....	5,407,130	5,586,347

—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of oversea origin re-exported.

No. 13.—Outward Interstate Transfers during February, and during the months, January and February.

NOTE.—The figures for March, 1906, are not yet available.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
February.						
Animals—Live	101,874	.....	101,874	74,541	.....	74,541
Apparel and Soft Goods	10,071	21,214	31,285	10,781	23,935	34,716
Biscuits	3,404	10	3,414	2,606	3	2,609
Boots and Shoes—Leather ...	6,285	410	6,695	8,663	521	9,184
Butter	1,683	.....	1,683	1,254	1	1,255
Cement	1,736	.....	1,736	2,151	12	2,163
Coal	54,794	.....	54,794	34,926	.....	34,926
Fruits—Fresh	3,806	748	4,554	5,269	387	5,656
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	1,248	.....	1,248	127,828	.....	127,828
Grain—Wheat	60,154	.....	60,154	41,982	.....	41,982
Flour *	10,839	62	10,901	11,412	179	11,591
Hats and Caps	1,736	1,830	3,566	1,816	1,454	3,270
Leather	5,847	3,235	9,082	6,393	3,269	9,662
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable ...	4,473	3,800	8,273	2,677	2,408	5,085
Free ...	1,256	3,848	5,104	1,269	1,467	2,736
Potatoes	5,267	.....	5,267	2,218	.....	2,218
Skins and Hides	3,232	.....	3,232	11,093	.....	11,093
Soap	4,104	5	4,109	3,878	276	4,154
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. ...	25,768	.....	25,768	153,141	.....	153,141
Spirits	1,355	3,788	5,143	958	3,561	4,519
Sugar	18,678	418	19,096	22,332	4,246	26,578
Tea ... ... ...	.....	7,803	7,803	.....	8,316	8,316
Timber	1,489	138	1,627	767	223	990
Tobacco, Cigars, &c... ...	13,050	2,106	15,156	12,118	1,401	13,519
Wool...	7,045	.....	7,045	.....	.....	.....
Other Articles	309,740	96,417	406,157	79,803	78,417	158,220
Total £	658,934	145,832	804,766	619,876	130,076	749,952

January and February.

Animals—Live	207,698	100	207,798	171,125	.....	171,125
Apparel and Soft Goods	17,454	37,423	54,877	17,289	41,466	58,755
Biscuits	5,776	12	5,788	4,974	11	4,985
Boots and Shoes—Leather...	11,140	1,180	12,320	15,856	964	16,820
Butter	2,104	1	2,105	1,579	4	1,583
Cement	2,564	43	2,607	5,252	55	5,307
Coal	116,426	.....	116,426	98,308	.....	98,308
Fruits—Fresh	9,031	1,745	10,776	9,287	1,085	10,372
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	16,601	.....	16,601	135,107	5,008	140,115
Grain—Wheat	163,506	.....	163,506	113,363	.....	113,363
Flour	20,152	93	20,245	20,827	281	21,108
Hats and Caps	2,753	3,391	6,144	2,816	2,368	5,184
Leather	11,857	6,589	18,446	11,475	5,710	17,185
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable ...	7,988	6,118	14,106	4,606	4,503	9,109
Free ...	1,786	4,947	6,733	2,402	4,381	6,783
Potatoes	8,505	.....	8,505	3,604	.....	3,604
Skins and Hides	16,644	.....	16,644	21,700	.....	21,700
Soap	8,804	8	8,812	7,792	426	8,218
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. ...	32,681	.....	32,681	276,907	42	276,949
Spirits	2,648	8,883	11,531	1,603	6,597	8,200
Sugar	52,934	433	53,367	52,494	6,567	59,061
Tea ... ... ...	.....	15,225	15,225	.....	17,438	17,438
Timber	2,967	228	3,195	1,639	352	1,991
Tobacco, Cigars, &c... ...	27,216	5,046	32,262	28,577	2,757	31,334
Wool...	42,634	.....	42,634	.....	.....	.....
Other Articles	517,321	168,775	686,096	180,812	148,491	338,303
Total £	1,309,190	260,240	1,569,430	1,198,394	248,506	1,446,900

No. 14.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1905.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	697,654	154,736	81,868	247,915	95,857	66,097	42,444
February ...	1,179,195	282,986	88,884	160,050	90,625	67,469	51,852
March ...	491,893	142,418	88,142	279,404	84,761	115,539	58,264
April ...	325,317	96,987	21,850	115,753	84,354	74,458	72,693
May ...	166,436	73,369	70,170	117,805	87,102	90,667	57,778
June ...	243,958	36,259	32,344	244,166	113,391	107,144	71,300
July ...	183,590	19,511	52,891	204,135	95,938	82,870	74,131
August ...	203,456	31,833	48,402	130,109	117,016	72,782	72,110
September ...	849,228	37,682	50,671	275,612	119,149	127,638	77,859
October ...	2,038,175	27,197	54,034	163,697	90,870	171,642	79,330
November ...	2,525,296	48,045	99,678	130,001	83,015	126,267	68,291
December ...	2,237,137	84,838	127,670	142,789	81,871	155,807	115,525
1906.							
January ...	1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February ...	1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168
March ...	723,255	183,320	62,172	483,856	119,819	88,368	47,149

No. 15.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1895 ...	2,390	2,851,546	2,405	2,854,705	2,132,753	718,793	2,161,176	693,529
1896 ...	2,444	3,005,328	2,464	3,034,957	2,303,531	701,797	2,316,744	718,213
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,041,184	642,924
Jan.-Mar., 1906	660	1,200,383	662	1,212,054	1,035,066	165,317	1,067,439	144,615
" 1905	630	1,105,955	577	1,025,722	893,991	211,964	853,882	171,840
March, 1906	232	420,531	232	433,268	351,326	69,205	380,080	53,188
" 1905	225	394,808	207	367,773	321,211	73,597	296,134	71,639

No. 16.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1904.	1905.
Imports.						
Australian States	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,152,101
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	7,867,880
Canada	18,784	61,742	114,321	129,054
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	57,314
Hong Kong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	122,130
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	613,304
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	802,455
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	3,944
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	46,366
Other British Possessions	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	77,839
Total, British Countries	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	23,932,387	25,915,425
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	279,861
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	15,290
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	93,043
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	819,267
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,563	92,732	76,945
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	182,912
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	28,627
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	21,523
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	75,542
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,579,345
Other Foreign Countries	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	181,206
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,353,571	3,434,609
Total, All Countries	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	27,285,958	29,350,034
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	9,918,050
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,148,436
Canada	10	16,804	66,403	25,557
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	225,631
Hong Kong	246,032	255,950	141,976	218,986	343,275
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,963,471
New Zealand	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	925,025
South Africa	1,014	3,266	755,487	229,733
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	103,886
Other British Possessions	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	91,713
Total, British Countries	14,794,952	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	23,974,777	25,993,927
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,223,091
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	285,959
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	2,105,829
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,271,025
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	112,012
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	350,770
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	141,938
Philippine Islands	16,410	18,603	88,043	145,730
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	116,036
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	1,763,060
Other Foreign Countries	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	517,608
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	9,033,058	10,762,439
Total, All Countries	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	33,007,835	36,756,366

No. 17.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
1895 1,223,864	117,327	10,222,437	20,406,822	30,629,259	66,602	32,037,052	
1896 1,237,971	111,889	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776	
1897 1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523	
1898 1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293	
1899 1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059	
1900 1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731	
1901 1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832	
1902 1,454,415	208,521	12,587,997	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428	
1903 1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541	
1904 1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232	
31 March, 1905	1,354,663	241,245	14,448,265	21,098,268	35,546,533	88,470	37,227,911
30 June, 1905	1,345,655	238,076	14,338,927	21,633,341	35,972,268	116,995	37,672,994
30 Sept., 1905	1,339,703	209,086	14,076,837	21,787,053	35,863,890	102,481	37,515,160
31 Dec., 1905	1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,628	37,071,055	140,118	38,860,063
31 Dec., 1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232

No. 18.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
1895 7,364,659	151,619	1,919,017	35,707,153	222,731	257,150	45,622,329	
1896 6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828	
1897 5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722	
1898 5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224	
1899 5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661	
1900 5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427	
1901 5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559	
1902 6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491	
1903 5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576	
1904 6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948	
31 March, 1905	6,798,046	260,062	1,804,424	31,981,265	260,812	293,717	41,398,326
30 June, 1905	7,663,600	259,449	1,816,810	31,965,018	277,609	275,254	42,257,740
30 Sept., 1905	8,174,325	256,238	1,823,986	32,425,127	265,223	273,622	43,218,521
31 Dec., 1905	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,232	32,447,658	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
31 Dec., 1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948

No. 19.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1895	100,265,984	1901	167,676,706
1896	116,962,784	1902	178,637,708
1897	121,645,824	1903	180,961,406
1898	126,978,018	1904	177,797,334
1899	146,188,144	1905	189,826,381
1900	144,080,313		
Total, 1st January to 2nd April, 1906		... ... ...	£54,721,980
,, 1st " 3rd " 1905		... ... ...	£46,490,024

No. 20.—Savings Banks.

Year.	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
1895	No. 202,802	£ 8,073,575	£ 856,575	£ s. d. 39 16 2 6 7 11
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0 6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9 7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4 7 3 4
1899	260,826	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1 7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5 7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0 8 11 2
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10 8 16 7
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9 8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6 8 15 2
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11 9 1 6

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 21.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
1895	£ 270,673	£ 79,085,735	£ 88,345,072	£ 2,675,331
1896	280,113	80,587,515	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	125,776,050	3,845,577

No. 22.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
1895	£ 15,600,229	£ 5,896,830	£ 21,497,059	£ 20,475,205	£ 1,021,854	£ 21,497,059
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,799	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309

No. 23.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops.
			acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1896	...	...	596,684	211,104	23,750	14,398	319,296	4,390	1,348,600
1897	...	...	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	...	...	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	...	...	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	...	...	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	...	...	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	...	...	1,392,970	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	...	...	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	...	...	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	...	...	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,928	2,672,973
1906	...	...	1,933,431	190,057	38,544	9,523	438,036	5,311	2,838,611

No. 24.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1896	...	...	5,195,312	5,687,030	374,196	207,771	229,671	885,673	4,100,709
1897	...	...	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	...	...	10,500,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	495,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	...	...	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	...	...	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	...	...	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	...	...	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	...	...	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	...	...	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	...	...	16,464,415	4,985,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710
1906	...	...	20,930,232	5,723,000*	883,081	191,577	458,735††

* Estimated.

† Not yet available.

No. 25.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.			Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
			bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1896	...	...	8·7	27·0	15·8	1·4·4	0·7	202	3 0 10
1897	...	...	10·2	27·2	21·1	17·6	1·0	172	3 4 9
1898	...	...	10·6	32·0	19·0	20·8	1·0	193	3 8 7
1899	...	...	7·0	31·4	14·0	19·8	0·7	185	2 4 3
1900	...	...	9·5	27·8	21·6	18·1	1·0	160	2 6 0
1901	...	...	10·6	30·5	20·2	19·0	1·1	197	2 8 0
1902	...	...	10·6	22·9	21·3	21·4	1·1	178	3 2 0
1903	...	...	1·2	15·1	8·2	20·9	0·5	160	1 16 10
1904	...	...	17·5	30·1	24·3	21·9	1·6	213	3 5 9
1905	...	...	9·3	25·6	16·1	20·4	0·8	175	2 0 6
1906	...	...	10·8	30·1	22·9	20·1	1·0	.....	.....

No. 26.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1895	499,943	358,411	1,791,646	47,617,687	223,597
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,620,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,380,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	*523,438	1,357,140	28,650,501	221,592
1904	482,663	*591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,835	*644,148	1,693,799	39,494,207	310,662

* Prior to 1903 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The 1903 figures include 117,679 cows dry at the time, and 43,330 heifers within three months of calving. The figures for 1904 are 131,595 and 35,405 respectively, and for 1905, 154,649 and 46,559 respectively.

No. 27.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1895	343,040,000	1,077,215	23,295,512	2,938,785	5,250,717
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	460,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	249,140,000	356,800	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532

No. 28.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000
1902 " "	1,065	935
1903 " "	1,098	992
1904 " "	1,071	1,011
1905 " "	1,150	1,149
March, 1902	1,030	944
" 1903	1,086	1,064
" 1904	1,071	1,010
" 1905	1,071	1,079
December, 1905	1,239	1,351
January, 1906	1,234	1,350
February, 1906	1,243	1,328
March, 1906	1,256	1,353

No. 29.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr.	per ton.	per cwt.	per cwt.	per lb.	per lb.	per cwt.
	s. d.	£ s. d.	s.	s.	d.	s. d.	s. d.
March, 1905	33 0	9 0 0	105	100	10	1 6	25 0
April,	31 9	8 19 0	102	95	10	1 6	25 6
May,	31 6	8 11 0	95	87	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 7	25 6
June,	31 6	8 5 0	95	87	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 7	26 0
July,	30 9	8 10 0	100	96	11	1 7	26 6
August,	32 3	8 6 0	108	104	11	1 8	27 0
September,	33 3	8 4 0	110	104	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 8	27 6
October,	33 9	8 7 0	114	106	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	27 6
November,	33 6	8 11 0	113	108	12	1 10	27 6
December,	33 0	8 12 0	115	110	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 8	27 6
January, 1906	32 3	8 7 0	116	108	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	27 6
February,	31 6	8 5 0	106	101	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 9	28 0
March	31 3	8 5 0	104	94	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 0

No. 30.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.						
							per bushel.	per ton.	per bushel.	per bushel.	per bushel.	per bushel.
							s. d.	£ s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.
March, 1905	3 3 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 3 9	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 6 $\frac{1}{2}$						
April,	3 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 16 3	9	12	2 4	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$						
May,	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 8 6	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	13	2 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 6						
June,	3 4	7 9 6	10	11	2 7	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$						
July,	3 4	7 17 6	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 8	2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$						
August,	3 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 17 6	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 5 $\frac{1}{4}$						
September,	3 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 19 0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 10							
October,	3 6 $\frac{5}{8}$	8 0 0	II	13 $\frac{3}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 2 $\frac{1}{2}$						
November,	3 7 $\frac{5}{8}$	8 2 6	11 $\frac{3}{8}$	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 11 $\frac{3}{8}$	5 0 $\frac{1}{2}$						
December,	3 8	8 2 6	10 $\frac{4}{5}$	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 II							
January, 1906	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 15 0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 2						
February,	3 1 $\frac{5}{8}$	7 9 9	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	II	2 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$						
March,	3 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 7 9	9 $\frac{7}{8}$	9 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 7 $\frac{3}{8}$	3 11 $\frac{1}{2}$						
	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.						
	per ton.	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	per lb.	per doz.						
	£ s. d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.						
March, 1905	3 3 3	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{3}{8}$	12 $\frac{5}{8}$						
April,	3 11 9	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{5}{8}$	6 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 $\frac{5}{8}$	14 $\frac{1}{4}$						
May,	3 5 0	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{3}{8}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{7}{8}$	16 $\frac{1}{8}$						
June,	3 17 0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{7}{8}$	15 $\frac{7}{8}$						
July,	2 17 6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{3}{8}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$						
August,	2 18 3	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{7}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{3}{8}$						
September,	3 4 10	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	6 $\frac{7}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{8}{8}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$						
October,	3 11 3	11 $\frac{3}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	6	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$						
November,	3 7 6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	6	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 $\frac{3}{8}$						
December,	3 5 0	10 $\frac{7}{8}$	5 $\frac{5}{8}$	6 $\frac{3}{8}$	5	9 $\frac{3}{4}$						
January, 1906	4 1 6	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$						
February,	3 4 6	10 $\frac{4}{5}$	5 $\frac{5}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{8}{8}$	11						
March,	3 11 8	10 $\frac{8}{8}$	5 $\frac{7}{8}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{4}{4}$	12 $\frac{3}{8}$						

No. 31.—Gold produced and Minerals exported—January to March.

Gold yield during the first quarter of the years 1905 and 1906.

		Year 1905.		Year 1906.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
January...	... oz. fine	34,969	£148,540	32,602	£138,485
February	... tons	16,289	63,193	30,472	£129,437
March ...	... oz. fine	18,648	79,212	14,262	60,583
Total for Quarter ...	... oz. fine	69,906	296,945	77,336	328,505

Exports of Minerals during the first quarter, 1905 and 1906.

Exports.	First quarter, 1905.		First quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	149,366	£17,038	141,607	£17,629
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c. ... tons	101,690	536,820	113,865	578,005
Copper ingots, and ore* ... "	1,636	102,019	2,309	166,583
Tin ingots, and ore* ... "	563	67,358	616	85,118
Coal—				
To Australasian Ports ... "	383,920	£151,474	443,983	£170,239
other " " " " { 292,180		126,868	440,463	184,673
Total Export ...	676,100	278,342	884,446	354,912
	.....	£1,001,577	.....	£1,202,247

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first quarter of the years 1905 and 1906 are as follow:—

	First Quarter, 1905.		First Quarter, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper ...	942	9,728	605	7,642
Tin ...	557	43,541	510	46,347

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 32.—Quantity and Value of Minerals won, 1904 and 1905.

Minerals.	1904.		1905.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—		£		£	£	£
Gold ... oz. fine	269,817	£1,146,109	274,267	£1,165,013	18,904	.....
Silver ... " "	1,121,402	123,256	417,520	52,196	.....	71,060
Silver—lead and ore ... ton	397,220	£1,942,284	441,447	2,441,856	499,572	.....
Lead—pig, &c.... "	5,883	65,964	210	2,657	.....	63,307
Zinc spelter & concentrates "	57,603	117,978	103,532	221,155	103,177	.....
Tin ingots and ore ... "	1,700	188,377	1,519	173,806	.....	14,571
Copper ingots and ore... "	8,932	406,001	8,257	511,754	105,753	.....
Iron oxide ... "	415	239	542	417	178	.....
Antimony and ore ... "	109	503	388	5,221	4,718	.....
Bismuth ... "	40	12,329	55	20,763	8,434	.....
Chrome iron ore ... "	397	1,268	52	62	.....	1,206
Wolfram ... "	89	8,432	86	7,361	.....	1,071
Scheelite ... "	16	1,406	138	10,122	8,716	.....
Molybdenite ... "	25	2,726	19	2,507	.....	219
Platinum ... oz.	535	£1,070	398	825	.....	245
Non-metallic—		£		£	£	£
Coal ton	6,019,809	£1,994,952	6,632,138	£2,003,461	8,509	.....
Coke "	171,006	110,692	162,961	100,306	.....	10,386
Kerosene shale...	37,871	26,771	38,226	21,247	.....	5,524
Alunite "	370	925	2,702	6,750	5,825	.....
Cobalt "	5	60	.....	.....	.....	60
Diamonds carat	14,296	£1,620	6,354	3,745	.....	7,875
Opal ... ... "	.....	57,000	.....	59,000	2,000	.....
Other ... ... "	.....	89	.....	1,902	1,813	.....
Total ...	£	£	£	£	£ 592,075	Net increase

No. 33.—Manufactories.

Year ended 31st December.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
1895	2,723	41,546	6,484	48,030	5,255,129	£ Not available.	
1896	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	"	
1897	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898	2,839	44,073	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,040	4,974,216	£ Not available.
1901	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available.
1903	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230

No. 34.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph wire.	Telegrams transmitted.
1895	1,972	68,079,018	1,294,690	44,902,900	11,682,072	12,316	2,635,456
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,100,750	12,418	2,790,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280

No. 35.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net earnings.	Train miles run.	Net earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
1895	2,531	36,611,366	1,310,615	7,594,281	3 5½	19,725,418
1896	2,531	36,852,194	1,268,529	7,719,618	3 3½	21,005,048
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5¾	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4¾	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3½	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1½	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10¼	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4¾	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9¾	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3¼	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10¼	35,158,150
*1905-6	3,370	43,337,367	943,022	5,948,186	3 2	18,293,749
+December, 1905	3,370	43,337,367	550,435	3,097,139	3 6½	9,473,384
+December, 1904	3,281	42,288,517	410,079	2,712,183	3 0¼	9,047,305

* Half-year ended 31st December, 1905.

† Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 36.—Meteorology.

District.	March, 1906.						March— (Mean 1896-1905.)			Mean annual-- All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.								
North Coast— Grafton	73·1	82·9	63·3	8·58	16	74·5	4·61	10	68·4	38·91	
Hunter and Manning— Singleton	66·9	75·9	57·8	4·06	7	70·6	3·03	7	64·4	30·15	
Cumberland— Sydney	68·1	74·6	61·6	4·23	25	69·4	4·00	16	62·8	49·05	
South Coast— Bega	64·7	73·2	56·2	10·38	14	65·9	1·36	7	59·8	32·49	
Northern Tableland— Armidale	62·0	71·2	52·7	4·12	11	64·3	2·60	9	56·4	31·87	
Central Tableland— Bathurst	62·1	73·7	50·5	2·81	8	66·4	2·08	6	57·2	23·96	
Southern Tableland— Goulburn	60·6	69·4	51·8	3·50	17	63·6	1·80	7	56·4	25·91	
North-western Slope— Gunnedah	71·8	83·7	59·8	1·96	7	75·4	2·14	5	66·2	24·93	
Central-western Slope— Dubbo	70·3	84·2	56·4	2·76	8	73·8	1·91	6	63·5	22·36	
South-western Slope— Wagga	69·0	82·8	55·1	4·99	7	72·2	1·54	5	61·5	21·71	
North-western Plain— Moree	72·9	86·1	59·7	4·60	6	77·1	2·06	4	68·8	23·29	
Central-western Plain— Coonamble	71·7	83·8	59·5	3·53	6	75·4	1·28	4	65·8	20·12	
Riverina— Deniliquin	66·2	78·6	53·7	6·31	9	70·1	0·97	4	61·9	16·35	